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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With Director, ISOO

1. On 19 April 1979, at the request of [REDACTED] Acting Deputy Director of Security, I sat in on the DDA's presentation of their classification review program to Mr. Michael Blouin, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, and his Deputy, Mr. Robert Wells. The purpose for my attendance was to handle any concerns Mr. Blouin might have in the compartmented field.

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2. As it turned out, compartmented information was not discussed but the following comments made by Mr. Blouin were considered noteworthy:

a. He believes his job is to strike a proper balance between the need to protect what needs protection and to release that which does not.

b. His general disposition is to favorably consider waivers on the need for a mandatory ten year revisit (after the 20 or 30 year initial review) on matters involving sources and methods or foreign government information.

c. He will be quite negative in his attitude on all requests for waiver of portion marking.

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d. He plans to report to the President every six months rather than annually as required by Section 5-202 of E.O. 12065 on the implementation of the Executive Order. In keeping with this, he plans to conduct an inspection at CIA this summer.

3. The meeting was quite open and I came away impressed with Mr. Blouin's interest in his job.



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